



CCC Sector Snapshot – Term 3, 2019

What's news for Victorian children's services

Victorian Inclusion Agency

Inclusion News

3,449+ educators already receive Inclusion News in their inbox each month.

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Do you work with linguistically diverse families?

[This tool](#) provides health information (including info on colds, vaccinations and more) translated into several different languages.

[Visit the VIA website for more inclusion resources.](#)



CCC professional development opportunities

CCC is running full-day intensive workshops on topics like:

- [Communication](#) (Tuesday 6 August, Doncaster)
- [Guiding behaviour](#) (Thursday 5 September, Hoppers Crossing)
- [Management](#) (Wednesday 23 October, Preston)
- [Spring and summer outdoor play](#) (Fri 15 November, Brunswick East)



Plus, OSHC services: save the date for CCC's OSHC full-day training on Thursday 24 October.

Members get 25% off all training. CCC can tailor training to meet your needs and come to you at your service. Contact a CCC consultant on (03) 9486 3455, or at reception@cccinc.org.au to find out how we can help you.

Important sector news

Vale Lynne Wannan

Late last month we were saddened to learn that Lynne had passed away. Lynne was a respected leader of the social movement for community child care and received an Australia Day award for her work in 2007. She was CCC Chairperson for 16 years, a member of our Committee of Management for over 20, and National Convenor of NACBCS for 12 years. [Read tributes here.](#)

Federal Department of Education and Training

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) rates from 1 July 2019

CCS family income thresholds, the annual cap, and the hourly rate caps are adjusted at the start of each year, based on the Consumer Price Index. The new 2019–2020 rates apply from Monday 1 July 2019. [Read the factsheet here.](#)

New mini videos on Family Assistance Law

These educational mini videos help providers and services understand their obligations under the Family Assistance Law. [The first video explains what to do when a child is going on holidays.](#)

Foster carers eligible for Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing)

To receive Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing) payments, the foster carer must first be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy and must have their Customer Reference Number (CRN) linked to the child in their care.

State DET

Reminder: No Jab No Play Immunisation History Statement

Have you received the most up-to-date Immunisation History Statement for all children at your service? Sending reminders to parents helps early childhood services [meet their obligations](#) under the 'No Jab No Play' legislation.

More funding for kindergarten facilities

The Victorian Government has [allocated an additional \\$33.6 million](#) in the 2019–2020 to the Children’s Facilities Capital Program and Inclusive Kindergarten Facilities Program, over three years. The funding will support new, upgraded and more inclusive kindergarten facilities across the state.

Plan for emergencies

To help services develop their emergency management plans and prepare to respond to emergencies, the Department is running a number of [short information sessions](#) across Victoria.

Are you ready for the Online TLDS?

Make sure your service is ready for the reopening of the Online Transition Learning and Development Statement (Online TLDS) in term 3. [Here’s what you need to do before the Online TLDS reopens.](#)

Additional resources

Does your service meet the Child Safe Standards? [This handy checklist](#) will help you identify gaps. [Download and print the list here.](#)

Amaze has released [an autism inclusion resource](#) for kindergarten. The resource includes guides, templates on how to talk to families, and links to the VEYLDF.

Early Start Kindergarten is supporting our littlest Victorians

[Watch a short video](#) on how the Early Start Kindergarten program is helping children who may need some extra help access 15 hours of free or low-cost kindergarten a week.



Help support children in your service with a disability or developmental delay

Does your services have children with a disability or developmental delay in this year's kindergarten program? Early planning for the transition to school can be really helpful – [check out these resources for early planning.](#)

A brief guide to the Assessment and Rating process

[This information sheet](#) provides an overview of how children's education and care services are assessed and rated against the National Quality Standard (NQS), and answers questions families might have about the process.

Other upcoming events

Free conference for educators in Melbourne

The [LOOKOUT conference](#) provides educators who support children in out-of-home care with strategies to support their engagement in education. The conference includes plenary speakers and a series of workshops on topics like trauma aware education, developmental differences, and supporting transitions.

Leadership for change – free seminar

Learn how early childhood professionals – including coordinators and educational leaders – can support the cultural competence and emotional and social well-being of young children and educators.

Wednesday 24 July, 9.00am to 1.00pm

Moreland Civic Centre Concert Hall
90 Bell Street (enter from Urquhart Street), Coburg

Register now at info@agecs.org.au.

Save the date: National early years summit 2020, Melbourne

[Join leading thinkers and change makers](#) at the summit which will look ahead and ask: what should a blueprint for a child's wellbeing look like?

Policy and advocacy

Help shape future ACECQA resources

ACECQA wants to hear from educators to understand more about the workforce and how you find and use resources about the NQF. [Take the workforce and sector resources survey](#) by 22 July.



For every \$1 invested in early childhood, Australia gets \$2 back

As educators, we believe in the right of every child to access quality early education. But [new research](#) has proved that early education also plays a key role in Australia's prosperity, resulting in higher earnings and more people in work, higher tax revenue and savings in health, education and justice. [Open the info sheet here.](#)

Local news & updates

The Kindergarten Inclusion Support (KIS) panel, managed by Uniting, is looking to increase the number and diversity of its members. It's a great opportunity for a leader to participate in KIS panels to build their capacity to support staff when writing KIS applications. The commitment is once a month and could be shared by two people. Interested? Contact Brooke Stewart on brooke.stewart@vt.uniting.org.

Uniting

...to inspire people, enliven communities
and confront injustice

Trial program aims to lift the resilience of Australia's most vulnerable

A [new targeted intervention program](#) is lifting the IQ and resilience of Australia's most vulnerable children. Congratulations to long-time Community Child Care Association friend Dr Anne Kennedy and her colleague Associate Professor Brigid Jordan for developing this fantastic program.

Want info, inspiration and resources? Join the CCC community

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